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Descriptive Inventory

MSS 598 SHAKERS – South Union, Kentucky

1 box. 5 folders. 5 items. 1836-1864. Photocopy, typescript.

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ORGANIZATIONAL HISTORY

Ann Lee (1736-1784), mother of Shakerism, claimed a few years before her death to have experienced a vision in which she saw the next great opening for the gospel occurring in 1801 or 1802 in the southwestern part of the United States. John Meacham, Benjamin S. Youngs, and Issachar Bates embarked on a missionary journey to that area on January 1, 1805. This trek proved to be one of more than one thousand miles. Because of the great religious revival taking place in Logan County, Kentucky, the Shakers proceeded to that region. They gained converts and in 1807 established a communal society, which practiced celibacy and pacifism, at South Union in Logan County. Membership peaked at 349 in 1827. Disbanded in 1922, South Union was the last of the six western societies to close.

COLLECTION NOTE

This collection consists of a photocopy of Shaker Record B, a journal documenting the history and activities of the Shaker colony at South Union, Kentucky, from 1836 to 1864. A bound two-volume typescript with a name index is also available. The original journal is held at the Shaker Museum at South Union.

Kept by Elder Harvey L. Eads, Record B includes information on the weather; agriculture, trade and manufactures at the colony; accidents, illnesses and deaths; arrivals and departures of members; ministerial travel; meetings; building construction; and outside news, including news of other Shaker colonies. Also included is the 1830 church constitution (typescript p. 2) and 1854 and 1862 censuses of members (typescript pp. 173, 250).

SHELF LIST

BOX 1	Shakers – South Union, Kentucky	1836-1864	5 items
Folder 1	Inventory		1 item

Folder 2	Shaker Record B (pp. 1-150)	1836-1846	1 item
Folder 3	Shaker Record B (pp. 151-278)	1847-1859	1 item
Folder 4	Shaker Record B (pp. 279-411)	1860-1863	1 item
Folder 5	Shaker Record B (pp. 412-472)	1864	1 item

BIBLIOGRAPHIC RECORD

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SUBJECT ANALYTICS

Civil War, 1861-1865 – Logan County, 1861-1864
Eads, Harvey Lauderdale, 1807-1892 – Relating to
Shakers – South Union, Kentucky – Vital statistics

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